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SUBJECT: Report of the Software Collaborators Workshop

On June 30, 1999, my office sponsored a workshop for the DoD organizations providing engineering and acquisition support for the development and sustainment of our software intensive systems. Enclosed is the report from this workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to identify the breadth and depth of software expertise in the Department and to start a process to improve the use of this expertise throughout DoD. More than 30 organizations were represented at the workshop and they provide expertise spanning the entire spectrum of software research, engineering, development and sustainment.

The workshop produced many recommendations to improve collaboration among the organizations to enhance our abilities to produce and sustain the systems our warfighters depend on. In addition to the recommendations, a major result of the workshop is a baseline of research, products and services currently available to the participants' customers. These customers include senior DoD and component staffs, the acquisition policy and program management community, developers and sustainers, suppliers, the research and development community, and ultimately, the warfighter.

My challenge is now to carry out the recommendations from the workshop to support my oversight responsibilities in the areas of software intensive systems in acquisition programs. Dr. Jack Ferguson, Director for Software Intensive Systems within my office, will lead the Software Collaborator effort. He will also coordinate programs to improve the discipline with which software intensive systems are developed and sustained, career development of the software acquisition workforce, and the application of science and technology programs to software engineering. He is at (703) 697-7922 and fergusj@acq.osd.mil.

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